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Authority Approves Negotiations

On June 28, 2000 the Authority authorized staff to proceed with negotiations with the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada. The unanimous approval was a much publicized event in Nevada.

Concurrent with the authorization was formation of an Interstate Subcommittee which includes all voting members of the Authority. The subcommittee will meet more frequently than the Authority and will serve to provide updates regarding the on-going staff level negotiations to the Authority members. The first meeting of the subcommittee has been scheduled for August 21, 2000. Agendas, summaries and minutes of subcommittee meetings will be available on the AWBA web page.

The first staff level meeting took place on July 17, 2000. It was determined that the focus of following meetings would be preparation of the two party agreement between the storing entity and the Authority.



Under Construction

The AWBA web page continues to be updated. If you've been there recently, you may have noticed changes being made to the Bank Ledger page. If you are having difficulty using the web page during this transition period, please do not hesitate to contact AWBA staff.

Publications now Available

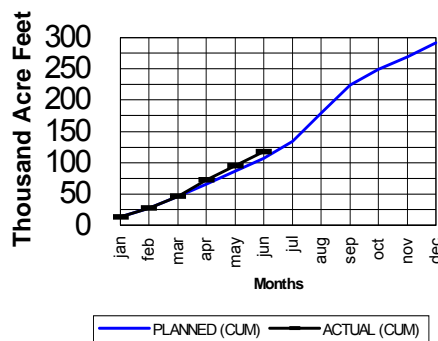
On June 21, 2000 the Authority adopted the **1999 Annual Report** of the AWBA as required by statute. The 1999 report is the first report to include a ten year evaluation of the water banking activities proposed by the AWBA. The 1999 Annual Report is available on the AWBA web page. Hard copies can be requested by contacting Nannette Flores.

The draft **California Colorado Water Use Plan** is available at <http://crb.water.ca.gov>.

AWBA Water Deliveries

2000 DELIVERIES (by Month)

Planned vs. Actual



May and June Water Deliveries

| | May | June |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Phoenix AMA | 12,435 AF | 12,942 AF |
| Pinal AMA | 9,092 AF | 7,249 AF |
| Tucson AMA | <u>1,589 AF</u> | <u>2,772 AF</u> |
| | 23,116 AF | 22,963 AF |
| Total Deliveries (through June) | | 117,963 AF |

News from the CAP

► On June 22, 2000 the Central Arizona Water Conservation District's Board adopted the 2001 water rates. The firm rate for AWBA and Incentive Recharge delivery rate is \$45 per acre foot, a \$1.00 increase over the 2000 rate.

► CAP is planning a system outage for repairs and inspection of the Salt River Siphon. The outage has been scheduled for Nov. 1-Dec. 15, 2001 and will affect deliveries between the siphon and the CAP terminus. This outage will be integrated into the AWBA 2001 Plan of Operations.

► On June 22, 2000, the CAWCD board passed the resolution to deposit all 4¢ tax dollars gathered in tax year 2000-2001 in the Arizona Water Banking Fund for use by the AWBA.

Recharge in the West

At the June 21, 2000 meeting the Authority supported staff's proposal that they move forward with examining water banking opportunities in the western part of the state. One of the issues surrounding storage at these facilities is procurement because all are privately owned. Staff have prepared correspondence to ADOA to address the procurement issue. They have also initiated development of draft agreements for recharge activities.

Authority Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2000 from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.

Interstate Subcommittee Meeting

Monday, August 21, 2000 from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.

E-mail Addresses Wanted

To facilitate more efficient distribution of information, AWBA staff are developing e-mail lists. If you currently receive information via hard copy or fax and would prefer e-mail, please complete the mailing list located on the AWBA web page.

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